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7	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF JOHNSON UTILITIES COMPANY FOR	DOCKET NO. WS-02987A-06-0663		
8	AN EXTENSION OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.	DECISION NO		
9	<b>,  </b>	ORDER EXTENDING TIME		
10		<u>DEADLINE CONTAINED IN</u> <u>DECISION NOS. 69414, 71242, AND</u>		
11	W	<u>72531</u>		
12	Open Meeting October 16 and 17, 2013			
13	Phoenix, Arizona			
14	BY THE COMMISSION:			
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15	Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the			
16	Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") finds, concludes, and orders that:			
17	FINDINGS OF FACT			
18	1. On October 16, 2006, Johnson Utilities L.I	L.C. ("Johnson" or "Company") filed with		
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21	development known as Skyview Farms. <sup>1</sup>			
22		Decision No. 69414 approving Johnson's		
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26	• Copies of the Approval to Construct ("ATC") for the water facilities and the General Permit for the wastewater facilities needed to serve the extension area.			
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28	The extension area encompasses two sections of land and the majority (except 40 acres) will be used to develook Skyview Farms. Decision No. 69414 at 3.			

- A copy of the Aquifer Protection Permit ("APP") amendment indicating approval of the expansion of Johnson's Section 11 Wastewater Treatment Plant to 4.0 MGD.
- An amendment to Johnson's Designation of Assured Water Supply ("DAWS") to include the extension area.<sup>2</sup>
- 3. On March 16, 2009, Johnson filed a request for a 24-month extension of time to file the compliance items in Decision No. 69414. Johnson stated that due to the slow down in the real estate market, the developer for Skyview Farms had suspended the start of the project and therefore the need for Johnson to obtain the required compliance items was also delayed.
- 4. On August 6, 2009, the Commission issued Decision No. 71242 granting Johnson's request for an extension of time, until April 16, 2011, to file copies of the ATC for the water facilities and the General Permit for the wastewater facilities needed to serve the extension area and to file the APP amendment expanding Johnson's Section 11 Wastewater Treatment Plant to 4.0 MGD.
- 5. On April 15, 2011, Johnson docketed a second request for an extension of time, until April 16, 2013, to comply with the remaining compliance items. The Company's request stated that "the severe economic downturn" has persisted and affected the start of the development, and that the developer had reconfirmed both its intent to proceed and its desire to have water and wastewater services provided by Johnson.
- 6. On August 17, 2011, the Commission issued Decision No. 72531 granting Johnson's request for an extension of time, until April 16, 2013, to file copies of the ATC for the water facilities and the General Permit for the wastewater facilities needed to serve the extension area and to file a copy of the APP amendment indicating approval of the expansion of Johnson's Section 11 Wastewater Treatment Plant to 4.0 MGD.
- 7. On April 4, 2013, Johnson docketed a third request for extension of time, until April 16, 2016, to comply with the remaining compliance items. The Company's request states that "the developer of Skyview Farms has further delayed the start of the project due to the slowdown in the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On March 16, 2009, Johnson docketed a copy of an amendment to its DAWS issued by the Arizona Department of Water Resources in compliance with Decision No. 69414.

residential real estate market," and that this has delayed the need for obtaining the above mentioned compliance items at this time. <sup>3</sup>

- 8. On August 23, 2013, Staff filed a Memorandum stating that Staff does not object to the Company's request for an extension of time, until April 16, 2016, in this matter. Staff recommends that the due dates for provision of the ATC, the General Permit, and the APP requirements be extended from April 16, 2013, until April 16, 2016. Staff further recommends that no further extensions be granted in this matter.
- 9. We agree that under the current circumstances, Staff's recommendation to grant the extension is reasonable. We continue to believe that any further request for an extension should be reviewed based on the facts and circumstances existing at the time of such request, but that Johnson should be on notice that it will be required to show that continued progress is being made toward the filing of the compliance items or that there will be harm to the public interest if the future request for an extension of time is not granted.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Johnson Utilities L.L.C. is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§40-281 and 40-282.
- 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Johnson Utilities L.L.C. and the subject matter of the request for additional time to comply with Commission Decision Nos. 69414, 71242, and 72531.
- 3. Staff's recommendation that Johnson receive an extension of time, until April 16, 2016, to comply with Decision Nos. 69414, 71242, and 72531 is reasonable and should be adopted.

## **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Johnson Utilities LLC's request for an extension of time, until April 16, 2016, to comply with Decision Nos. 69414, 71242, and 72531, by filing copies of the Approval to Construct for the water facilities and the General Permit for the wastewater facilities needed to serve the extension area and to file a copy of the Aquifer Protection Permit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Johnson attached to its third request a letter from a managing member of Skyview Farms confirming that the developer for Skyview has a continuing interest in having Johnson provide water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services to the development.

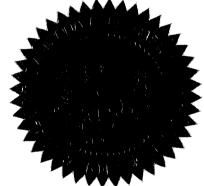
amendment indicating approval of the expansion of Johnson Utilities, LLC's Section 11 Wastewater Treatment Plant to 4.0 MGD, is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Johnson Utilities, L.L.C., shall be on notice that any future requests for extensions of time to comply with Decision Nos. 69414, 71242, and 72531, must demonstrate that continued progress is being made toward the filing of the compliance items or that there will be harm to the public interest if the future request for an extension of time is not granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 25th day of Methoer, 2013.

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